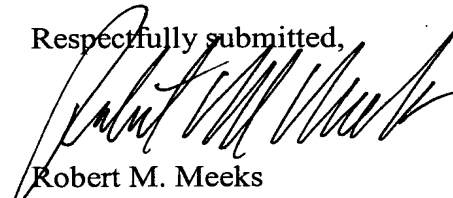


REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the detailed examination evidenced by the Office Action mailed January 19, 2006 (hereinafter "Office Action"). In order to advance the present application to allowance, Terminal Disclaimers of the cited U.S Patent Nos. 6,944,035, 6,661,678, and 6,400,586 are filed concurrently herewith, to overcome the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections. The filing of these Terminal Disclaimers shall not be construed as an admission that the claims are unpatentable under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting or are obvious under 35 USC §103.

As all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims and passing of the application to issue in due course. Applicants urge the Examiner to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (919) 854-1400 to resolve any remaining formal issues.

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